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SUBJECT PRESS SPECULATION ON PARIS TALKS

1. PRESS INTEREST IN THE PARIS TALKS CONTINUES TO BE HIGH.
DIEN TINH REPORTS IN ITS JUNE 11 ISSUE THAT DEPUTY HEAD OF THE

GVN PARIS DELEGATION NGUYEN XUAN PHONG RETURNED TO SAIGON
" WITH A DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE" ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 9. HE
REPORTEDLY WENT DIRECTLY TO INDEPENDENCE PALACE WHERE HE
PARTICIPATED IN A SESSION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL WHICH RAN WELL INTO THE NIGHT AND RECONVENED SUNDAY
MORNING. THE MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS ARE ALSO SAID TO
HAVE BEEN PRESENT. PHONG REPORTEDLY DEPARTED FOR PARIS SUNDAY
EVENING. DAI DAN TOC REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER LAM MET
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PRESIDENT THIEU AND HIS DEPUTIES, DANG VAN QUANG AND
NGUYEN PHU DUC, " IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WORKING OUT SECTIONS
OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL SOON BE MADE PUBLIC" THE ARTICLE
ADDS THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND OTHER
DIGNITARIES WERE PRESENT. LAM WILL REPORTEDLY GO TO PARIS
" ONE AN AGREED POSITION IS WORKED OUT IN SAIGON."
DAI DAN TOC REPORTS THAT DISCUSSION HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE

MATTERS BETWEEN THE US AND NVN. THE PAPER REPORTS THAT THE
TWO SIDES (PRESUMABLY THE TWO PARTIES IN SVN) " WILL MEET
TO FIND WAYS TO TEMPORARILY AVOID CONFLICT."
FIFTEEN DAYS LATER, THE RED CROSS WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT
THE REMAINING PRISONERS. EXCHANGE OF THESE PRISONERS WILL BE
COMPLETED 45 DAYS AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE NEW DOCUMENT.

2. SONG THAN REPORTS THAT THIEU WILL DELIVER A TELEVISION

ADDRESS ON THE SUBJECT OF PEACE. NO DATE IS GIVEN, BUT IT
WILL BE " SOON".

3. ALL PAPERS CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF HAK' S DEPARTURE
FOR U S.

4. OPPOSITIONIST LOWER HOUSE DEPUTY TRAN VAN THUNG SPECULATES
ON THE TALKS IN DIEN TIN IN AN ARTICLE CALLED " TO SIGN OR NOT?".

HE OBSERVES THAT PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETE IN PARIS FOR A
SIGNING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, BUT " SOME DIFFICULTIES
HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED". THEY " COULD QUITE POSSIBLY COME
FROM SAIGON BECAUSE THE GVN WANTS TO CLEAR UP A FEW POINTS" N HE
ADDS. THUNG SAYS THAT ONE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT
POINT IS THE MATTER OF ZONES OF CONTROL . EVEN IF AGREEMENT
IN DETAIL HAS BEEN REACHED, IT WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE
COMMUNIQUE, HE ASSERTS, BECAUSE PUBLIC OPINION IS NOT YET
ADEQUATELY PREPARED.
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